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Sir:

On September 4, 2001, Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Upon review of the files it was determined that all seven of the Japanese references were incorrectly identified as "applications" rather than as "Unexamined Patent Publications (KOKAI)".

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-274656, published October 21, 1997.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 4-252383, published September 8, 1992.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 61-43379, published March 1, 1986.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 63-132386, published June 4, 1988.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 8-115425, published May 7, 1996.

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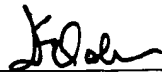
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-240913, published September 11, 1998.

One copy of each of the listed documents was previously submitted.

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